

# Academy Meetings

## Gathering at the University of Michigan

Academy Fellow Bernard Agranoff organized a meeting and reception on the University of Michigan campus on May 14, 2007. Recently elected Fellows of the Academy were recognized, and Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Sociology at the University of Michigan, led a discussion about “Debt as Metaphor.” An authority on consumer debt, she explored the history of personal bankruptcy, noting the important role it played in the lives of immigrants in nineteenth-century America. She also considered the effect of debt, or potential debt, on the educational plans of many segments of the U.S. population today.



**Fellows Arlene Saxonhouse and Joseph Vining  
(both, University of Michigan)**



**University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman (far left) with recently elected Academy Fellows from the University: Robert L. Greiss, Jr., Judith Temkin Irvine, Richard Charles Murray Janko, Robert K. Lazarsfeld, Rosina Bierbaum, Rowena Green Matthews, Arthur Lupia, and David Ginsburg, with speaker Teresa Sullivan and Academy host Bernard W. Agranoff**